

ACKNOWLEDGMENT FAX SHEET OF RECEIPT OF DEFECT INFORMATION
REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573

Assigned Recall No. 03V-513 by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: **December 5, 2003**

~~Date Faxed/E-Mailed:~~ **December 10, 2003**

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SUBJECT: 4,997 Honda 2002-2003 FSC600 (Silver Wing) Scooters manufactured from November 16, 2001 through February 7, 2003. Excessive clearance between the lower handlebar clamp and handlebar holder creates stress that can eventually cause the handlebar to loosen or detach, resulting in a loss of steering control.

This is an acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgment letter will be written only if we have additional comments or concerns.

We have reviewed your draft owner notification letter and it does not meet the requirements of Part 577. *A paragraph needs to be added advising the consumer that if they had paid for repairs for this defect prior to the recall, they could be reimbursed by Honda. Also a sentence needs to be added concerning leased vehicles, i.e., Federal regulations require that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.*

As stated in Part 573.6, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. As stated in your report, owner notification is expected to begin on January 8, 2004. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by April 30, 2004.

If you have any questions, please call:

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